



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Ionescu et al.) Examiner: P. Kumar
 Serial No.: 10/722,142) Art Unit: 1751
 Filed: November 24, 2003) Confirmation No.: 4675
 Title: Fixation Method for Bioprosthesis) Deposit Account: 04-1403
) Customer No.: 22827

Commissioner for Patents
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
 Post Office Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 17	Minus 46	= 0 X \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims 2	Minus 5	= 0 x \$200 =	\$ 0.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)			\$ 0.00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>December 21, 2006</u> , PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$120; 2 months \$450; 3 months \$1020; 4 months \$1590, 5 months \$2,160)			\$ 0.00
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$130.00)			\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL:			\$ 0.00
If "small entity" verified statement filed <input type="checkbox"/> previously, <input type="checkbox"/> herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and <u>subtract</u>			\$ 0.00
TOTAL:			\$ 0.00
Other: _____			\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED:			\$ 0.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any fees in addition to the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account No. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This statement does not authorize charge of the issue fee in this case.

ADDRESS:
 Post Office Box 1449
 Greenville, SC 29602 USA
 Customer ID No.: 22827
 Telephone: 864-271-1592
 Facsimile: 864-233-7342

DORITY & MANNING
ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.A.

By: Christina L. Mangelsen, Patent Agent Reg. No: 50,244
 Date: November 14, 2006
 Signature: Christina L. Mangelsen



ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: CXU-379

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Simionescu et al.) Examiner: P. Kumar
)
Serial No: 10/722,142) Art Unit: 1751
)
Filed: November 24, 2003) Confirmation No: 4675
)
For: Fixation Method for Bioprosthesis) Deposit Account No: 04-1403
)
) Customer No: 22827

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, with regard to the above-captioned application, please find attached hereto:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the complete listing of the Claims beginning on page 2, and

Remarks beginning on page 5.